

# International Society of Nephrology

## Membership

Any member of a national society of nephrology is eligible for proposal to membership in the International Society of Nephrology and receipt of the Society's official Journal, *Kidney International*. A subscription to *Kidney International* (including all Supplements) for calendar year 1994 is included in the annual 1994 dues of US \$120.00. Potential members can secure application forms for membership by writing directly to Dr. C. Craig Tisher, Treasurer, International Society of Nephrology, P.O. Box J-231, J. Hillis Miller Health Center, 1600 SW Archer Rd., University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32610, USA. The completed application form must be signed by two sponsors who are current fellow members of the ISN and then returned to Dr. Tisher along with a check or money order for the first year's dues of \$120.00. (Checks should be made payable to the International Society of Nephrology. Checks from outside the USA can be paid through any United States bank.)

## ISN World Wide Web Page

The ISN Computerized Information Committee co-chaired by Drs. Kim Solez (Edmonton) and Zal Agus (Philadelphia) is maintaining and updating the ISN Home Page on the World Wide Web. This Home Page describes ISN programs, lists officers, councilors and members of the Commission for Developing Countries, and supplies general information regarding ISN membership and subscription to *Kidney International*. The uniform resource locators (URLs) for the Web Page are: **Europe:** <http://fester.his.path.cam.ac.uk/big/synapse/000p0035.htm> **North America:** <http://synapse.uah.ualberta.ca/synapse/000p0035.htm>. Material from the Madrid International Congress is available using the URL <http://fester.his.path.cam.ac.uk/big/synapse/000p049x.htm>

## ISN Sponsorship of Meetings

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, workshops, and conferences held independently of the International Congress of Nephrology to apply to hold these meetings under the auspices of ISN.

In general, such an arrangement does not include an offer of financial support on the part of ISN. In special cases, however, the Society may be able to offer seed money.

Organizers who wish to apply to hold their meetings under the auspices of the Society should include the following information in their applications:

1. Topic and purpose of meeting.
2. Location and date of meeting.
3. Names of members of scientific organizing committee.
4. Names of co-sponsors and sources of financial support.
5. Names and topics of invited speakers.

6. Statement regarding whether or not free communications will be sought.

Applications will not be accepted from organizers of regularly, or routinely, scheduled regional, national, or international meetings.

Applications should be submitted to Jan J. Weening, M.D., Secretary General, Academic Medical Ctr., Meibergdreef 9, 1105 AZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

Publications and announcements of meetings held under ISN's auspices should include the statement of acknowledgement: "... was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

## Guidelines for sponsorship of symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops by the International Society of Nephrology

The International Society of Nephrology (ISN) encourages the organizers of scientific symposia, postgraduate courses, or workshops to apply to the Society for sponsorship. ISN sponsorship will provide: (1) use of the Society's name as a sponsor or co-sponsor; (2) announcement of the meeting in *Kidney International*, contingent upon the receipt of written information in the Editorial office at least 6 months in advance of the meeting; (3) the possibility of partial financial support. Applications must include the following information: (1) the topic, purpose, location and date(s) of the meeting; (2) the names and titles of the members of the scientific organizing committee; (3) a list of all co-sponsoring institutions, if any, and sources of financial support; (4) the total revenue and expense budget for the proposed meeting, by major category; (5) the names and institutions of origin of all invited speakers, and their topics; (6) a statement as to whether manuscripts will be solicited from invited speakers, or free communications sought from others; (7) an expression of willingness to include the following acknowledgment on all publications: "... was held under the auspices of the International Society of Nephrology."

These guidelines do not apply to satellite symposia to be held in close proximity to a triennial Congress. Furthermore, the ISN will not sponsor or co-sponsor any regularly scheduled or routine international, national, or regional meeting, nor will it co-sponsor postgraduate courses with other international societies or groups.

Applications for sponsorship must be submitted directly to Robert W. Schrier, M.D., University of Colorado School of Medicine, 4200 E. 9th Avenue, Box B178, Denver, CO 80262, USA. Tel: (303) 270-7765/Fax: (303) 270-7702.

## ISN Archives

Dr. Carl Gottschalk has accepted the responsibility to establish an Archive of the International Society of Nephrology. The Archive will consist of photographs, announcements, activities, and names of Council Members and Officers of the Society. Relevant information, documents, or photographs that are pertinent to the development and evolution of the ISN will be assembled in the Archive.

Members of the ISN or other readers of *Kidney International* having such material are requested to forward it to Dr. Gottschalk at the following address: Carl W. Gottschalk, M.D., Division of Nephrology, Department of Medicine CB 7155, University of North Carolina, School of Medicine at Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514, USA.

#### MEETINGS

*The 13th International Congress/MIE 96* will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark on August 19–22, 1996. The program consists of scientific plenary, parallel and poster sessions, workshops, tutorials, and demonstrations with a special emphasis on human facets in application of information technologies in health care. A call for papers and registration will be distributed in August 1995. For more information, please add your name to the mailing list at: MIE 96, c/o DIS Congress Service Copenhagen A/S, Herlev Ringvej 2c, DK-2730 Herlev, Denmark. Telephone: +45 44 92 44 92; FAX: +45 44 92 50 50; E-mail address: mie96@risoe.dk. Alternatively, subscribe to the list mie96-1 with a message to maiser@risoe.dk. Include "subscribe mie96-1" in the body of the message. Web Server address is <http://www.risoe.dk.mie96.html>.

*The 10th Congress of the Latin American Society of Nephrology and Hypertension* will be held in Santiago, Chile on September 1–4, 1996. The scientific program, which will be developed in state of the art lectures, clinical and basic science symposia, includes a wide range of topics in general nephrology, dialysis, hypertension, transplantation and basic science, with emphasis on the special needs of Latin American nephrologists. Short courses on glomerulonephritis, organ procurement, and molecular biology will be introduced. Information concerning registration and deadline for abstracts will be announced in January 1996. For further information contact the Congress Secretariat, Organización Tres, Av. Kennedy 4350, Santiago, Chile. Telephone: (562) 2070613; FAX: (562) 2070637.

*The Second International Congress on the Biology of Phagocytes* will be held in Pavia, Italy on September 4–7, 1996. The aim of the Congress is to deepen existing knowledge about phagocytes and to identify directions for future research. Included in the Congress will be thirty scientific sessions and topics, a wide range of main sessions and lectures, and an extensive slate of well-known speakers. For more information contact Prof. Giovanni Ricevuti, Dipartimento di Medicina Interna e Terapia Medica, Istituto di Terapia Medica-Università degli Studi di Pavia, IRCCS Policlinico S. Matteo-P.le Golgi 2, 27100 Pavia, Italy. Telephone: 39-382-502499, or 502590; FAX: 39-382-526341; E-mail: [termedpv@ipv36.univ.it](mailto:termedpv@ipv36.univ.it) or [ricevuti@systemy.it](mailto:ricevuti@systemy.it)

*The 14th Annual Meeting of the International Society of Blood Purification (ISBP)* will be held in Paris, France on September 25–27, 1996. Topics will include immunoadsorption, clinical effects of dialysis membrane compatibility, outlooks into future modes of organ replacement, as well as oral/poster presentations on all aspects of clinical, technical, immunological and metabolic blood purification methods. For further information, please contact Prof. C. Jacobs, Service de Néphrologie, Hôpital de La Pitié - 83, Boulevard de l'Hôpital, 75013 Paris, France. FAX: 331 44 23 99 84.

*The Seminar on Hereditary Kidney Diseases* will be held in San Donato Milanese, Italy on September 28, 1996. Updates on phenotype-genotype relationships and therapeutic perspectives regarding inherited nephropathies will be presented. Registration

for the seminar is free. Deadline for abstracts is July 27, 1996. For further information contact Adalberto Sessa, M.D., Unità Operativa di Nefrologia e Dialisi, Ospedale di Vimercate, I-20059 Vimercate, Italy. Telephone: 39 6654327/6654481/6654544; FAX: 39 669079.

*The 7th International Congress of Bone Morphometry* will be held October 6–10, 1996 in Baia Di Conte, Alghero, Sardinia. Major topics will include: bone metabolism and its local and systemic controls; bone architecture, structure, and quality; bone diseases and their treatment; bone substitutes and prostheses in orthopedic and oral surgery. For further information contact Hartmut H. Malluche, M.D., Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer, International Society of Bone Morphometry, 1521 Shannon Run Road, Versailles, Kentucky 40383, USA. Telephone: (606) 323-5049; FAX: (606) 257-1052.

*The 8th International Symposium of Nephrology at Montecatini* will be held on October 7–9, 1996 in Montecatini Terme, Italy. This year's Symposium, titled "Progression of Renal Disease: Evaluation, Growth Factors and Other Mechanisms" is devoted to exploring the role of growth factors, proteinuria, tubular hypermetabolism, pressure and other mechanisms in the pathogenesis of chronic renal disease. Advances in assessment of kidney function in chronic renal disease will also be considered. Deadline for abstracts is June 15, 1996. For further information contact Claudio Bianchi, M.D., Professor of Nephrology, Unità di Nefrologia, Clinica Medica 2, University of Pisa, 56100 Pisa, Italy. Telephone: 39 50 592573; FAX: 39 50 553414.

*The International Society of Renal Nutrition and Metabolism* will hold its 8th International Congress on Nutrition and Metabolism in Renal Disease in Castel dell'Ovo, Naples, Italy on October 9–12, 1996. The program contains state of the art lectures, symposium, free communication presentations and a poster session. Deadline for abstract submission is June 8, 1996. For information contact Professor Natale DeSanto, Cattedra di Nefrologia, Seconda Università di Napoli, Via Sergio Pansini 5, Padiglione 17, Napoli, Italy.

*The 10th Argentinian National Congress of Nephrology* will be held at Bariloche, Rio Negro, Argentina on October 10–22, 1996. For further information contact Dr. Guillermo Long, Secretary, Argentinian Society of Nephrology, Paraguay 2517, Dpto. 3, (1425) Capital Federal, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Telephone: 963-7123; FAX: 961-4437.

*The 10th International Conference on Psychonephrology* will be held in New York City, USA on October 18–20, 1996. The latest psychosocial and ethical developments in understanding and care of patients on forms of dialysis and recipients of renal transplants will be discussed in plenary sessions, small group meetings and Free Communications. Abstract deadline is August 1, 1996. Topics will include: patient's perception of care, the national political agenda and its impact on delivery of services, rationing medical care, short-term limited psychotherapy for patients with renal failure, spirituality, non-compliance for patients with renal failure, and a debate on the rationing of nephrological treatment. For further information, contact Norman B. Levy, M.D., Director, C/L & Emergency Services, Department of Psychiatry, Coney Island Hospital, 2601 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11235, USA. Telephone: (718) 616-5331; FAX: (718) 616-5314.

*The 1st Slovene Congress of Nephrology* will be held October 23–26, 1996 in Portorož, Slovenia. Topics will include: glomerular diseases, arterial hypertension, noninvasive assessment of renal